

# FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2016 MINUTES

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**TIME:** 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm

**VENUE:** Room 3A6, County Hall, Swords.

PRESENT	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local authority member , Councillor (Swords/Balbriggan)	Fingal County Council
Brian McDonagh	Local Authority member , Councillor (Howth/Malahide)	Fingal County Council
Natalie Treacy	Local Authority member , Councillor (Castleknock/Mulhuddart)	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	Local Authority official, Chief Executive's nominee	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	State agency, Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
Siobhan Lawlor	State agency, Dept. of Social Protection	Dept. of Social Protection
Peter Foran	State agency, Child and Family Agency, TUSLA	Child and Family Agency, TUSLA
Anthony Brennan	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Jeff Murphy	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Adaku Ezeudo	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Máire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Brid Walsh (Vice Chairperson)	Community Interest (Drugs and Alcohol)	North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Terry McCabe	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Mary McKenna	Local Development	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Tony Lambert	Business & Employers	Chambers Ireland
Padraic McMahon	Farming & Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Des O'Sullivan	Community Interest (Young People Under 30)	Headstrong, Jigsaw Fingal.

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Smyth, SEO, Fingal County Council, Breffni O'Rourke, Chief Officer, Fingal LCDC, Fran Creed and Orla Boylan, EETD, Fingal County Council.

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	ITEM	
1.0	<b>Apologies: Alice Davis, Fingal PPN, Oisin Geoghegan, LEO</b>	
2.0	<p><b>Agree Minutes and Matters Arising</b> Minutes Accepted, Proposed: Ed Hearne, Seconded: Máire O'Brien</p> <p><b>2.1 Matters Arising</b> EH met with colleagues in the community department, responsible for supporting the PPN, and reported a timeline had been drawn-up. PPN members confirmed they were aware of arrangements.</p> <p><b>2.2 MMcK</b> confirmed a Care &amp; Repair service would be up and running in the North County by June, with the support of Age Action and Fingal Age Friendly. FLP have a list of 30 initial clients interested in the service. <b>TMcC</b> volunteered the support of BAP in assisting FLP, after its pilot stage, to roll the service county- wide. <b>SL</b> gave her full support from the Department of Social Protection.</p> <p><b>2.3 BOR</b> gave an update on the membership of the LCDC SICAP Oversight Sub Committee and welcomed Adaku Ezeudo to same. Jeff Murphy was proposed and agreed as a additional member also. <b>Proposed: Máire O'Brien, Seconded: Cllr. Natalie Treacy</b></p>	
3.0	<p><b>SICAP Update</b> <b>BW</b>, chair of the SICAP Oversight Sub Committee gave a comprehensive verbal report to the meeting. <b>BW</b> reported on a meeting she attended at the Departments request with the Chair and Chief Officer the previous week regards PI underspend in 2015. <b>BW</b> outlined a number of proposals to increase the oversight of by the SICAP subcommittee of the PI including monthly variance reports.</p> <p><b>NT</b> asked if there was an opportunity to use the underspend? <b>BW</b> said she understood it was lost for this year. <b>TMcC</b> said a number of PI's had an underspend and that BAP were still looking at ways this could be used.</p> <p><b>3.1 TMcC</b> gave a short presentation on the work of the Programme Implementer (PI) to date. A number of observations, questions and clarifications arose from the</p>	

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	<p>presentation including:</p> <p><b>AE</b> asked if the new communities targeted were only refugees or Asylum seekers and stated that many in this group were educated and proficient in English and may need confidence building and interview skills. <b>TMcC</b> said they worked with all groups.</p> <p><b>TM</b> asked what the PI was doing to attract people and also what effect not being able to count certain people who don't fit the criteria had on the programme. <b>TMcC</b> also said that not being able to include people in the figures had an effect on the targets but they still reached the KPI's</p> <p><b>EH</b> asked about the Headline Targets for 2016. <b>TMcC</b> said they were on track and that there had been some technical issues with IRIS.</p> <p>In response to the challenge of reaching out to the young and long term unemployed <b>SL</b> outlined the role of DSP and said she had six offices across three PI's who will be meeting around the need to work collectively. There is a particular need for the PI to reach under 25's. <b>DO'S</b> said social media is the way to reach young people. <b>TMcC</b> said they continued to meet DSP and work with groups on the ground, they had been working in the Blanchardstown area for 20+ years and only 18 months in the greater Fingal area and building trust was a factor.</p> <p><b>BMcD</b> said Baldoyle had SICAP target communities but may use the PI's in Kilbarrack. <b>TMcC</b> confirmed they were running programmes in Baldoyle.</p> <p><b>Action: To circulate Chairs written report to LCDC members</b></p> <p><b>Action: Siobhan to report back on meeting with PIs</b></p>	<p><b>Chief Officer</b> <b>Siobhan</b></p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Fingal Local Economic &amp; Community Plan 2016-2021</b></p> <p><b>BO'R</b> outlined some of the work to date and requirements to move forward. Selected objectives will be targeted for short-term results, Flagship projects identified in advance of the Statutory review of the plan which is likely to be required in Q.1 2017.</p> <p><b>EH</b> said that it was a 6-year plan, there has been a vacuum from DECLG on some issues and delays at a national level on guidance on implementation. The Economic SPC are progressing a "Skills Strategy for Fingal", the Tourism policy continues to be rolled out, a review of heritage &amp; properties and the role they play in Fingal has been commissioned.</p>	

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	<b>Action:</b> To invite a representative of the community department to future LCDC meetings.	<b>Chief Officer</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>LEADER Update</b> <b>DO'S</b> reported the LEADER Strategy had been submitted to the Pobal in early January, Pobal undertook a technical check and requested a number of additional items before it was submitted again on the 12 <sup>th</sup> April to the departments Independent Selection Committee (ISC). Feedback from the ISC is expected within the next week.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Siobhan Lawlor, Department of Social Protection, gave a presentation.</b> <b>SL</b> gave a short presentation outlining her department's responsibilities within the context of Dublin North and her wider catchment area. <b>JM</b> queried the effectiveness of Job Bridge. <b>SL</b> said 65% of those who participated got employment and said there was a Job Bridge monitoring and complaints system in place. <b>EH</b> observed the remarkable change in structures for those seeking employment since the financial crisis of 2009.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Promoting Community Interest.</b> <b>AB</b> reported that there was still a need for the PPN to develop and that the meetings they had with workers supporting them had been positive of late.	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>JM</b> reported the PPN plenary would be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 16, PPN LCDC members would report back to PPN membership on work to date and feedback issues from groups to the LCDC.	
<b>7.2</b>	<b>TMcC</b> related BAP were not members of the PPN. Fingal rules precluded them and many other organisations with a social purpose based on the fact that they employ paid workers and that this policy was contrary to the position a number of other PPNS around the country had taken.	
<b>7.3</b>	<b>ACTION:</b> <b>TM</b> requested a map outlining the areas covered under the Dublin Rural Leader scheme is circulated.	<b>Chief Officer</b>
<b>7.4</b>	<b>DO'S</b> called for an implementation/ monitoring group to be established for the LECP and felt that without such a group it would not be possible to drive progress. <b>ACTION:</b> Chair in consultation with BO'R to consider establishing a LECP group.	<b>Chair / Chief Officer</b>
<b>7.5</b>	<b>BO'R</b> reminded the meeting minutes, agendas and presentations are published on	

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<b>8.0</b>	<b>Training &amp; Capacity Building</b> <b>Chair</b> noted a number of questionnaires from the department had been received from the department regards intention to provide training for LCDCs to better equip them meet demands of the Agenda. Likely additional and separate training would be available to PPN members to have a more effective voice on decision making bodies of the local authority (including the LCDC) is scheduled by the department.	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>DO'S</b> called for an annual review day part of which would deal with the implementation of the LECP.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>AOB</b> <b>DOs</b> volunteered to give the presentation at the next LCDC meeting on the role of Jigsaw/Headstrong. <b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 3.00 pm in County Hall Swords ( <b>CANCELLED</b> ). Meeting concluded at 5pm	



Signed:  
Pat O'Connor,  
Chairperson

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016



Signed:  
Breffni O'Rourke,

Chief Officer.